



# HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

85 Dakota Avenue • Buffalo, NY 14216

February 13, 2022 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## The Mission of the Holy Spirit Parish Community

As the family of the Holy Spirit Parish Community, we welcome all to our home, Christ's home. Our journey in Faith brings us together through prayer, Eucharistic celebration, support, love and caring. We commit to give generously of ourselves, our time, and talent to one another, and to all in our neighborhood.

*May the Holy Spirit guide and comfort us in our never ending journey for peace and strength as witnesses for God's goodness.*

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## Speaking plainly...

This weekend's Gospel comes from Luke chapter six, and is sometimes referred to as 'The Sermon on the Plain.' The scriptures tell us that Jesus had just come down from praying in the mountain, had called his disciples, and then shares the insights we hear today. I'm sure you'll notice that today's Gospel sounds very similar to Matthew's beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. Comparing the two I believe shows us another alternative to the definition of plain. Luke's account of the beatitudes is very plain and straightforward, and can almost sound off putting if we weren't expecting it.

Sometimes we can beat around the bush in our conversations. We don't want to hurt others feelings, or we only want to hear something that makes us feel good. There are occasions that need us to speak plainly, directly. I believe there are a few topics that need to be spoken plainly about in our parishes.

1. We need help! Last weekend's homily I spoke about God calling all of us to use our gifts and talents however God is calling us to use them. That also includes our parishes. There is SO MUCH that we need assistance for in making Holy Spirit and St. Margaret's function. Cleaning, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Locking up, Opening up, Sacristy duties, snow shoveling. This will take dedicated people who care for the daily operations of their parish. Look for a sign up and more information to come on stepping up for these duties.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: ..... 4:00 p.m. (Holy Spirit)  
Sundays: ..... 8:15 a.m. (St. Margaret)  
..... 9:30 a.m. (St. Margaret)  
..... 11:00 a.m. (Holy Spirit)  
Holy Day Masses: ..... Consult the bulletin.  
Weekdays: ..... Mon., & Tues., 8:00 a.m.  
(St. Margaret)  
..... Wed., 6:15 p.m. (Holy Spirit)  
..... Fri., 8:00 a.m. (Holy Spirit)

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, February 14**

8:00a.m. (St. Margaret) ~ For All Parishioners

**Tuesday, February 15**

8:00a.m. (St. Margaret) ~ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Scalisi & Marie Starck req. by Family

**Wednesday, February 16**

6:15p.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Frank Bogner req. by Daughter, Sr. Katherine Marie Bogner

**Thursday, February 17**

8:00a.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Communion Service (Sr. Katherine Marie)

**Friday, February 18**

7:30a.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Eucharistic Adoration ~ Church  
8:00a.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Daniel S. Adamski req. by Family For The Intentions of All Parishioners

**Saturday, February 19**

4:00p.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Santo Pantano (Anniversary of Death) req. by Sister, Elsie Aurelio "Yeyo" Aviles req. by Wife, Carmen & Children

**Sunday, February 20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:15a.m. (St. Margaret) ~ Rosaria Tornambe req. by Estate  
9:30a.m. (St. Margaret) ~ Pam Cercone - Special Intentions req. by Diane Waligorski  
11:00a.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Rev. Thomas C. Kelley req. by Rev. Joseph D. Wolf Mathew Ostrowski (Anniversary of Death) req. by Daughter, Phyllis

**MINISTER OF THE WORD**

**Saturday, February 19**

4:00p.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Mary Ellen Loncto

**Sunday, February 20**

8:15a.m. (St. Margaret) ~ Mary Lou Cappellini  
9:30am. (St. Margaret) ~ Rick Cronin  
11:00a.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Rita Riley

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, February 19**

4:00p.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Phyllis Ostrowski; Cathy Slisz

**Sunday, February 20**

8:15a.m. (St. Margaret) ~ Cheri Frank; Kate Mazzarini  
9:30a.m. (St. Margaret) ~ Joe/Toni DiLeo; Sr. Karen Marie  
11:00a.m. (Holy Spirit) ~ Angela Downey, Cassandra Smith



**If you are in need of a 2021 End of the year letter for your tax preparation, please call Diane (SM) at 876-5318 or Karen (HS) at 875-8102 to request one.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEB 14- FEB 20**

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13
- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, February 13**

9:30-10:45am ~ Religious Education Classes @ Holy Spirit Parish Ctr.

**Tuesday, February 15**

6:30p.m. ~ St. Margaret Events Committee Mtg. ~ Rectory

**Wednesday, February 16**

6:00p.m. ~ St. Margaret Choir Practice ~ Church

7:00p.m. ~ Holy Spirit Bible Study with Sr. Katherine Marie ~ Teen Room

7:00p.m. ~ Club Immaculata Mtg. ~ Holy Spirit Church Hall

**Thursday, February 17**

9:00-10:00a.m. ~ Food Pantry (HS)

10:30-11:30am. ~ St. Margaret Scripture class with Sr. Karen Marie

5:00-6:00p.m. ~ Food Pantry (HS)

6:00p.m. ~ Holy Spirit Choir Practice ~ Church

**Sunday, February 20**

**No Religious Education Classes this weekend due to the Presidents' Day holiday**

12:30p.m. ~ Men's Cookoff ~ Holy Spirit Church Hall

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**CALLING ALL MALE CHEFS OF HOLY SPIRIT & ST. MARGARET PARISHES...**

Holy Spirit's annual Men's cook off will be Sunday, February 20th @ 12:30pm downstairs in Church Hall, All men of any age from both parishes that would like to enter the competition are asked to please call Mike Cheman at (716)238-3669 to register by February 13th. Do you have what it takes to be...**"KING OF THE KITCHEN"**.

Come and sample some delicious entrees from some of the best chefs in our parishes. Tickets will be sold at the door the day of the event. Cost will be \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Holy Spirit Food Pantry.

**The St. Margaret Events Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with and organize events for our church. Come to our meeting Tuesday evening, February 15 at 6:30 in the rectory. All are welcome!

**ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL...**

Has agreed to adopt an Afghanistan refugee family with housing items and clothing. Let's welcome our new neighbors and support them with their transition into our community. We are asking for Target gift cards or a donation to our society to purchase beds, dressers, lamps, end tables, and bedding items. Donations can be dropped off at St. Margaret rectory or given to a St. Vincent de Paul Society member. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in our mission of charity!

**HOLY SPIRIT'S FOOD PANTRY...**

Can you help stock our shelves with the following items: **crackers, elbow macaroni** *Whatever you do for one of my least brothers or sisters, you do for me" (Jesus)*

**Team IIA:** Sr. Katherine Marie; Chris Krawczyk; Diane Pazderski; Dan Wolf work 2/17/22 9am - 10am.

**Team IIB:** Carmela Cavalieri; Rosie Kieffer; Tom Pitz; Paul Shea work 2/17/22 5pm - 6pm

**RCIA:** As we draw closer to the season of Lent, we will reflect this morning upon the vast company of witnesses: the saints, those who have shown us the way to be authentic followers of Christ. They are those who have allowed Him to transfigure them from within and teach us how to accompany Christ on the final days of His life on earth.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Our Bible Study Group will meet this Wednesday, February 16.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...** The topic for our Confirmation students is "Renewing Baptismal Promises." We renew them each year at Easter. How are all of us witnessing to the promises we made at our Confirmation, and which we renew each year? Do our daily lives show that we renounce sin and affirm our belief in the Triune God?

Tomorrow is Valentines day. It is certainly a Catholic Christian holiday if we really and seriously think about it. Doesn't it all begin with God who first loved us?

**There are no classes next week due to the Presidents' Day holiday.**

**Attention First communion Parents:** Our next coming together is Feb. 27 for the Theme "The Eucharist is about Giving Thanks for a New Creation."

**FREE SPIRITS NEWS**

Our next Free Spirits Meeting is **Thursday, March 10th at 12noon** in the Church Hall. Doors open at 11:30am.

**Seneca Niagara Casino trip has been CANCELLED.**  
*All 55 and older are welcome! Please Join us!*



**HEALING MASS FOR HOLY SPIRIT & ST. MARGARET PARISHES...**

There will be a special Healing Mass at St. Margaret Church on Monday, February 21 at 5:30pm. Starting at 4:30pm, Confessions will be heard prior to Mass. All are welcome.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY**

Hebrews 13:16: *"Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased with sacrifices of that kind."*

**Holy Spirit ~ February 6, 2022**

Offertory: .....\$3,444.00  
 Building & Maintenance.....\$1,668.50

**St. Margaret ~ February 6, 2022**

Offertory: .....\$2,876.00  
 Monthly Repairs.....\$948.00  
 Electronic Giving.....\$110.00



**WELCOME BACK, ALTAR SERVERS!** We can again

invite Altar Servers to participate at Masses. Any servers who are present in the congregation are encouraged to see Fr. Bryan before Mass to join him. New Altar Server training will be scheduled soon. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server call Diane at (St. Margaret 876-5318) or Karen at (Holy Spirit 875-8102) for more information.

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2. Mass attendance – currently we do not have any mass at either location that fills more than 30% of the church. That means 70% of the church is empty. Our highest attended mass last weekend had 110 people. Looking at the work of the Renewal we need to ask ourselves, what are we doing about this? As I drive between the parishes, I see countless young people. Young adults, young families, I see more established individuals and families as well, and I do not see any of them in our churches. Are we reaching out and inviting? Are we welcoming people we might not recognize at mass? Over the next few weeks we are going to talk about how to invite and welcome others to let our communities know that we are here and have the greatest thing to offer them; Jesus!
3. Renewal – sometimes renewal can be something that scares us because it makes the future seem uncertain. Our first Transition Team meeting was last Saturday and it was a very good meeting. The task of the Transition team over the next six months is to come up with a Pastoral plan for our families. We will be covering the topics of: Liturgy/Mass Schedule, Spiritual Life, Administration, Outreach, Education (Catholic Schools and Faith Formation), Stewardship. This Pastoral plan will affect ALL of the parishes in our family and should help us have a very positive direction moving forward.
4. Bulletin – last week because of a factor beyond our control, we had one bulletin between the two parishes that had different covers. As parishes moving forward as a family, we need to do better at collaborating together. We will be pursuing bringing the bulletins together with a new look and format. Some have told me that the bulletin is part of the identity of the individual parishes. Speaking plainly, our identity is in the person of Jesus Christ, and he continually invited people to come together.

I know it can seem like things are going fast, but as I've shared in previous columns, we need to respond now so that we have a church for the future. Please continue to pray for our parishes, the Renewal and let's make Holy Spirit and St. Margaret's the model of what it means to be 'family'!

Keep Smiling  
 Fr. Bryan



PS – I am away this week, taking some time doing some skiing with friends in the Adirondacks. As we have less priests, it is harder to find coverage, so please say an extra prayer for them and thank them.





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